

MINUTES – DIRECTOR’S MEETING 21st January 2020 at 6.30pm

1. Attendance

Present:, Roddy MacDonald (Acting Chairman), Neil Campbell (Secretary), Diana Calvert, Dougie Ferguson, Neil MacDonald, Rhoda MacDonald, Norman Ian MacKay, Finlay MacLennan, Richard MacLennan (arrived 6.36pm), Linda Armstrong (Commercial Manager) and Deborah Coghill (Administrator)

Apologies: Murdo MacKay (Chairman) and George MacLeod

Appointment of Acting Chairman: In the absence of Mr Murdo MacKay, Chairman, Mr Roddy MacDonald took the Chair, with the approval of the Meeting.

2. Declaration of Interest: No Declarations of Interest

3. Minutes of 17th December 2019: Approved

4. Action Points: See Updates (below)

5. Updates

Financial :

No Financial updates this month

Commercial Manager’s Report (Appendix 1):

Speed Bumps: Linda is to contact HHP and the Councillors to see if they would be prepared to contribute some of their Ward Funding towards putting in CNES-approved bumps. Linda also going to find out the price of Rumble Strips.

HHP: HHP are **not** going to do a Play Area for the resident children.

This item has been removed for confidentiality and will be restored when confidentiality is no longer required.

Restaurant Tenancy: Two interviews are due to take place on Saturday 25th February.

Kitchen Deep Clean: Clean Squad to do this on a pre-arranged date before the new tenants take it on.

Sewer Snagging: Ron Murray has agreed to take on the Survey of the sewer pipes.

Winter Maintenance: Billy and Chris have been undertaking various items of maintenance and painting, and these will hopefully be finished soon.

New Hook-ups: We are currently about two to three weeks into the six week schedule for getting these up and running. We will be applying for Planning Permission for the Facilities Block.

Scarista Land Raids: George is no longer able to attend, so Neil MacDonald agreed to go in his place.

Hydro: The joint offer submitted was rejected so we are currently waiting for more information to give to Savills to revalue. *Energy4all* are still keen to take the project forward but we will have to wait for the new valuation.

Xant Turbine: Needs some work to be done in the shed and on the access road. Speak to Kenny Carrier about doing some remedial work with a drain and some trenches.

Harbon Turbine: A fault has been shown, but nothing serious seems to be showing up. Hopefully, it will be alright after this.

Reservoirs: Loch an Duin is the only reservoir that needs to be registered. Richard and Neil will do a sounding survey. Possible items of maintenance to all the dams were suggested. The Trust is to seek advice about reducing the volume of the loch.

Harris Forum

There is Crown Estate money of about £130k to be spent in Harris. The Forum plan to meet on 7th February to score these projects and come up with a list. The Councillors also have a say, so they may come up with different projects. The Forum plan to prioritise projects and are looking for ones that are fully costed and for which the money can be spent by the end of September.

6. **Health and Safety:** No incidents reported.

7. **AOCB**

Broadband: Different information is being told to people about what should be done in the aftermath of *Connected Communities* being shut down, and in order to obtain Broadband to homes in the area. Linda will get in touch with HIE to see if they can give any further details. Discussion was also had about the EE masts and the various places where signal was, and was not, available.

8. **Brainstorming:** The Directors are still undecided about whether to continue with weddings at Talla na Mara.

Close: The Meeting finished at 7.50pm.

Next Meeting: 18th February 2020

Proposed dates for 2020

17th March

21st April

19th May

16th June

18th August

15th September

20th October

17th November

15th December